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Attachments: FINAL_Removal_Action_Plan-Cleanup_Plan_17Jul2017.pdf

Andrew,

I remember you asking about this site the last time there was a public meeting. Matt attended the one last night so sending to you as FYI.

Thank you, Mindy Clements, R9SEMD, [415-972-3169](tel:415-972-3169)

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Subject: 1/14/21 EXCIDE COMMUNITY MEETING - NOTES

AGENDA:

January 14th Community Meeting 5 to 7 p.m.

Dear Excide Project Stakeholder:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control will hold an online community meeting from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021, to update the public on the Excide Cleanup project.

To attend online:
Go to zoom.us/jn
Enter meeting ID: 892 1690 3965

To attend by phone:
Call (669) 900-4833
Enter meeting ID: 892 1690 3965

Simultaneous Spanish audio interpretation available.

Hearing-impaired individuals may use the California Relay Service (877) 1 or (800) 833-7100.

Meeting materials will be available at: www.dtscc.ca.gov/8888

Please feel free to share your questions before the meeting by filling out this 2-question survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSKJ2X8>.

DTS's project hotline remains open to help answer any questions you may have: (844) 225-3887, and we can be reached by email at ExcideCleanup@DTS.ca.gov.

Thank you,
Excide Cleanup Team

Información en Español Siguiente

MEETING TOPICS Of Note:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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EXCIDE LINK

<https://dtsc.ca.gov/soil-sampling-data-for-the-exide-preliminary-investigation-area/>

DTSC Attendees:



TRUSTEE CONTRACTOR:



EPA REGION 9:

U.S. EPA's Role with the
the
Vernon Environmental
Response Trust
(VERT or The Trust)

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Closure Overview

Pete Ruttan, P.G.
DTSC, Unit Chief
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Exide Offsite Residential Cleanup

Suhasini Patel, Assistant Deputy Director
Site Mitigation and Restoration Program

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Scope:

DTSC is still doing field work in 1.7 mile radius of site. 3200 parcels total @ \$68K per parcel
Facility demolition is separate from residential
Field work overview is below

Questions/topics of note:

- Notable Questions/questioners from public:
- Jane Williams: CA Communities Against Toxics:
- CBE missed name
- Plans to get more federal funds for cleanup due to bankruptcy – Grant Cope says that they plan to work with new administration for federal funds

- What is cleanup level? – moved from only over 300 ppm, not the 80 ppm promised. DTSC says they still plan to clean up to the 80 ppm level. Prioritized at 300 for budget purposes
- The Cleanup Plan still says 80. Some mention that they moved from 400 to 300ppm when they got more state funding. Properties b/n 80 and 400 will remain on hold indefinitely. No mention of where the additional funds for the 80 – 300 group will come from.
- After cleanup sampling: various people are asking if sites will be sampled subsequent to the cleanup. DTSC says no. DTSC says retesting not necessary.
- Schedule: Completion by December 2021 is planned
- PIA – Preliminary Investigation Area
- Blood lead testing program – Free testing being done by Co Health. Apparently no outreach currently taking place.
- Missed properties: issues re a persons property being skipped or deliberately overlooked. Claim that their property was included in the plan originally
- Parks remediated: Remediation taking place. Parkways (rights of ways) **are** going to be cleaned up pending risk assessments. No funding for remediating parkways available presently
- Bankruptcy – residential cleanups have been funded by the state. DTSC, EPA, and Trustee are dealing with the bankruptcy – work is going on with available funding. Residential seems like it will get done within the >400 ppm level
- LA River – Release of lead to LA River? DTSC has sampled the river near Exide. Found some elevated lead. Exide has a surface water treatment system so no release likely
- Aquifers – groundwater under the facility is perched at 80 feet. All known contamination of lead is there. Drinking water aquifers are pumped far deeper, approx. 600 f down. Metals from site to DW aquifer not likely.
- Jane Williams is still talking groundwater investigations needed citing old dumps in the area. DTSC responded about GW investigation at the site, but that pertains to shallow groundwater, Jane is talking deeper groundwater. They are talking past each other. There are 30 GW monitoring wells at the site, as noted by geologist.

EPA PRESENTATION EXIDE TRUST for EXIDE Facility – AMANDA CRUZ

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



- EPA's involvement resulted from the Exide bankruptcy settlement, which established the Vernon Environmental Response Trust (or VERT or the Trust)
- EPA, DTSC, and the Trustee are working cooperatively
- The Trust and DTSC's financial assurance established a limited amount of money available for cleanup
- EPA is committed to work with DTSC to keep the community protected from the facility

Trust has allowed site demolition activities to continue "seamlessly"

EPA and DTSC are working collaboratively with the limited funds available.

DTSC Presentation for EXIDE Facility Remediation

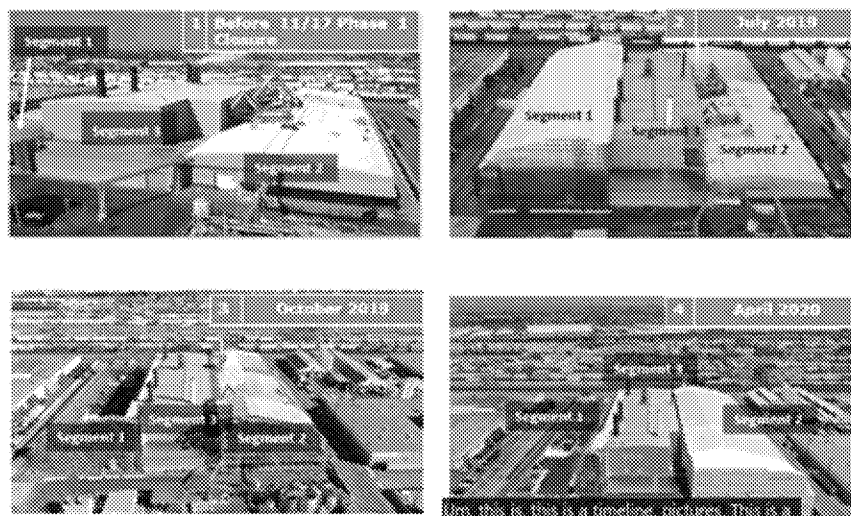
Brief Overview

CLOSURE PLAN

- The Closure Plan was finalized by DTSC in December 2016.
 - Phase 1 Closure - Decontamination, deconstruction, and removal/disposal of equipment used in hazardous waste management.
 - Phase 2 Closure - Addresses contaminated soils from the former hazardous waste unit operations.
 - Post-Closure Activities - If Phase 2 remediation does not meet residential standards, this may include deed restrictions on the property, long term inspections and reporting, and maintaining a stabilized and secure Facility.

San DTSC Exide Facility Closure Plan 12 December 2016

Timeline of Phase 1 Closure



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Closure Contacts:

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EXCIDE SITE TRUSTEE – ROBERTO PUGA

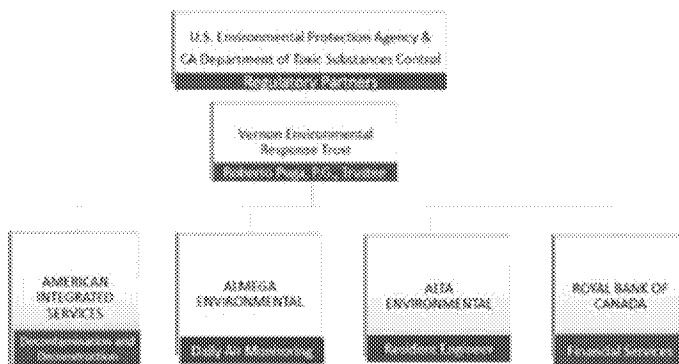
Trust Purpose and Objectives

The Vernon Environmental Response Trust (Trust) took over the site operations on October 26, 2020.

The primary objectives and purpose of the Trust are:

- Administration of Trust and property management
- Implementation approved environmental actions
- Find a beneficial reuse of the property

Trust Organization

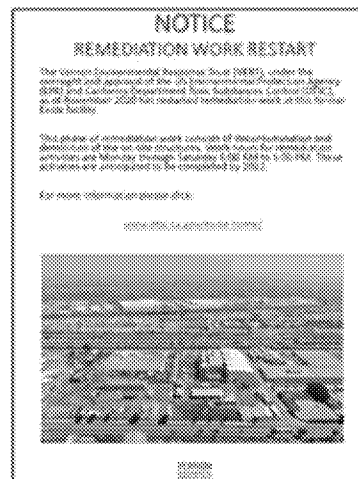


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Dana PathForward Consulting

Facility Transition to Trust

- The Trust has transitioned the facility to its control from the former owners.
 - This included continuing all daily monitoring and maintenance activities.
 - Also includes assuming responsibility for facility permits.
- The Trust has resumed decontamination and deconstruction of the main production building/smelter complex at the facility.
- The Trust is also working on scheduling the decontamination of the remaining structures at the facility in 2021.



FIELD EFFORT OVERVIEW:

Health & Safety

- COVID-19 Protocols:
- Include the following documents –
 - DTSC Field Advisory and Fact Sheet
 - NEC Operations COVID-19 Protocol
- These documents are reviewed every 2 weeks
- Posted on our website at: www.dtsc.ca.gov/residential-cleanup

October 2020: State Audit Recommendations

- Prioritize remaining parks, schools, childcare facilities and daycare centers.
- Increase the pace of cleanups.
- Estimate date of completion for cleanup of all properties.
- Estimate cost for cleanup of all properties.
- Future cleanup contracts to partially incorporate fixed prices.

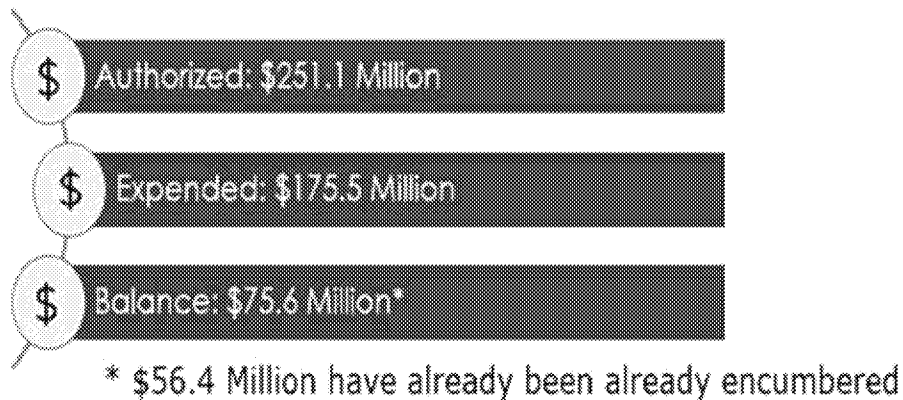
DTSC has already begun to implement some of these.

December 2020: DTSC Response

- DTSC remains committed and focused on the expeditious cleanup of as many lead-contaminated properties as possible with the already appropriated funds.
- DTSC submitted 60-Days Progress Report to the State Auditor on December 28, 2020.
- DTSC's progress in meeting the Auditor's recommendations will be updated on our website at: www.dtsc.ca.gov/exide-audit

Residential Cleanup Budget Overview

• As of December 5, 2020



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Residential Cleanup Contract

- Cleanups are moving forward with one contractor NEC:
 - 25 Cleanup Crews in the field
 - 72 WERC Program Graduates employed
- Current average cost of cleanup per property based on last 100 properties cleaned:
 - \$68,091 per property
 - 62.5 tons of soil removed

Contact Information

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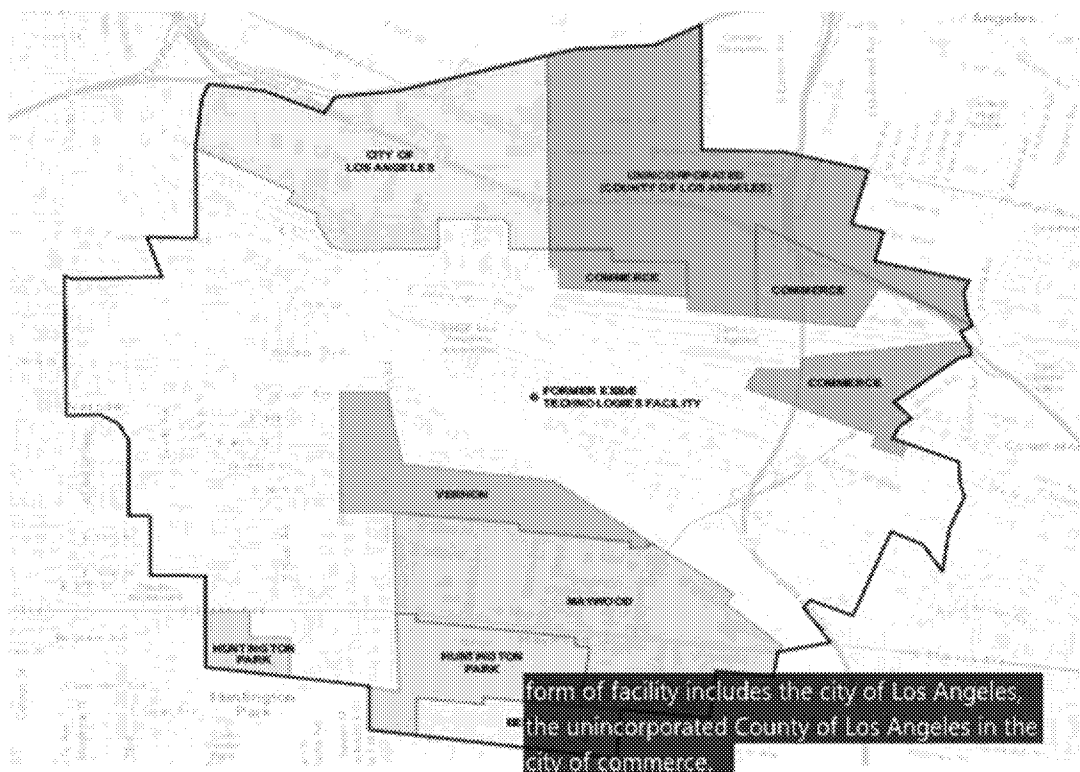
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Preliminary Investigation Area (PIA)



1.7 mile radius

Project Challenges: COVID-19

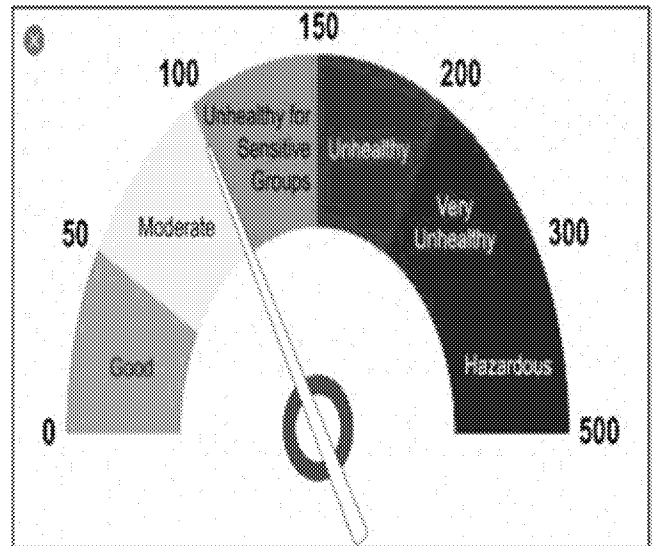
- Revised Health and Safety Plans
 - Everything in common areas is sanitized every hour
 - All tools, handles, and shared equipment are sanitized with EPA-approved sanitizing wipes
- All personnel on site must:
 - Wear masks
 - Have temperatures taken twice per day, morning and lunch
 - Not share tools
 - Not congregate
 - Social distance
- All personnel are encouraged to follow protocols outside of work

Field personnel are encouraged to follow recommended protocols outside of the work. It's

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Project Challenges: Regional Fires

- Air Quality Index (AQI)
 - 100 triggers safety measures for personnel depending on duration and how strenuous the activities are; and
 - 150 triggers additional safety measures & rescheduling of strenuous activities.



We lost Total of 40

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